BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Petition of)

PACIFIC CARRIAGE LIMITED)

For a Declaratory Ruling.)

DOCKET NO. 04-0172

ORDER NO. 21186

DIV. OF CONSUMER ADVOCACE DEPT. OF COMMER AFFAIRS

Filed July 26, 2004

At _____ 3 o'clock P ___.m.

Chief Clerk of the Commission

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I.

Background

PACIFIC CARRIAGE LIMITED, ("Petitioner") seeks a declaratory ruling that its proposed transaction involving the provision of certain limited services on Petitioner's international submarine fiber-optic cable system is not subject to regulation by the commission and does not require certification under chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") and the commission's regulations promulgated thereunder. Petitioner makes its request for declaratory ruling in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") chapter 6-61, subchapter 16 and HRS § 91-8.

Petitioner served copies of its petition on the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate").

¹Petitioner's petition, filed on July 9, 2004.

II.

Declaratory Action

Two (2) deadlines currently apply to Petitioner's petition seeking declaratory action: (1) July 29, 2004, the deadline for interested persons to file motions to intervene or participate; and (2) August 23, 2004, the forty-five (45)-day deadline governing commission action on Petitioner's petition for declaratory ruling. In light of the August 23, 2004 deadline, the commission directs the Consumer Advocate to complete its investigation and file its position statement on Petitioner's request for declaratory action by August 4, 2004.

III.

Order

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that the Consumer Advocate shall complete its investigation and file its position statement on Petitioner's request for declaratory action by August 4, 2004.

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 $^{^{2}}$ HAR §§ 6-61-57 (3)(A) and 6-61-162(a), respectively.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 26th day of July, 2004.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

BY MINTHY SMININ

Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By (EXCUSED)

Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Catherine P. Awakuni Commission Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21186 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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